

Ex-Kaiser's Future Bride Opens Castle to Injured Airmen in Plane Accident

Near-Fatal Accident Gives Opportunity to U. S. Reporter to See Intimate Side of Princess' Home Life.

EDITORIAL NOTE—The following dispatch gives a thrilling account of an unromantic visit paid by the Berlin correspondent of the I. N. S. S. to the castle of the princess, the bride-to-be of the former German emperor, Mr. Weyer, who was injured in a plane crash Sunday during a flight. The princess, who is the future wife of the emperor, is the daughter of the late Kaiser. The princess, who is the daughter of the late Kaiser, is the daughter of the late Kaiser. The princess, who is the daughter of the late Kaiser, is the daughter of the late Kaiser.

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CASTLE MAJOR, SILENTIA. Sunday, Via Berlin, Sept. 26.—This is being written in the library of the Princess Herminie of Reuss-Schönburg, the bride-to-be of the ex-Kaiser of Germany. On a couch lies Capt. Ludwig Hassenpflug, former German staff officer, nursing a wrenched hip and bad contusions.

Beside him kneels Tons Raab, famous German war "ace." Now and then the door opens and the princess softly enters with whispering inquiries as to how the patient is getting on. In a freshly ploughed field, a few yards from the castle, lies the wrecked airplane D-82, which, after circling the castle, suddenly turned turtle.

At the home of the castle's chief forester lies Capt. Wilhelm Strunk, former Austrian army officer, airman and soldier of fortune. Capt. Strunk, who had been captured by the Russians in the great war, twice walked from his Siberian prison camp to the Chinese frontier and twice was recaptured and taken back. He succeeded in escaping the third time. Later he served as an aviator on the Piave river front. After the war he served as pilot of the airplane which carried Enver Pasha, the famous Turkish soldier of fortune, to freedom, after he had been seized in Kovo while on his way from Germany to Moscow. Strunk once had fought with the British army in India.

Aided by Princess.
Capt. Strunk was the more seriously injured of the two, he suffered from a bad contusion of the brain. It is now growing late in the afternoon and the princess has just entered the room.

"I insist," she said, "that you shall all remain here over night. I have

just had a wing of the castle fixed up for you. There are four beds and anything else that you may desire you have but to ask for. Please consider my castle as your home."

The invitation was then extended by the princess to her unexpected guests to take tea with her.

The princess' "mammy"—that is to say her cook, who, in this instance was white—prepared a wonderful dinner. Before the guests were taken to the table the princess ordered her butler to fetch some rare old wines from the cellar.

After some general conversation the talk naturally turned to the beheading of the princess and the ex-Kaiser—now an exile in Holland.

Gossips Peere Princess.

"Much has been written about my engagement to the Kaiser," exclaimed the princess with some warmth. "Much has been said about it and still more is being whispered by gossips who have nothing else to do but stick their nose into the private affairs of other people."

"Surely our engagement and wedding are private. We both desire to be left alone. We wish to avoid needless publicity. We want to make the whole thing as simple and unostentatious as possible."

"All I can say is that most of the stuff published in connection with our engagement is silly nonsense. The affection and the friendship between the Kaiser and myself are by no means new. We have been chums since my girlhood. I have always looked up to the Kaiser and admired him."

The tragic events in both of our lives probably deepened our mutual understanding and affection."

Shows Kaiser's Picture.

The princess' eyes were moist with tears as she glanced at a portrait on the wall—the picture of her late husband. He was dressed in the uniform of the dragoons with which he

served in the great war. As a result of the war's hardships he contracted consumption. Throughout his illness the princess constantly and devotedly nursed her husband although her youngest child was then only a baby of two years.

Upon a desk in another corner of the room stood a picture of the former Kaiser, evidently a recent one. It shows William with only a mustache which makes it appear that he has again shaved off his beard. It was evident from the photograph that William with only the mustache looks younger than William with a beard.

The above remarks were all that the princess would say regarding her intimate affairs.

She is a beautiful woman in the prime of life, radiating health and cheerfulness. She does not look her 36 years nor does she betray the fact that she is a mother of five children. She speaks English and French fluently and is well versed in literature.

Princess Widely Read.

A survey of her library showed books in English and French as well as German. Among the books observed by the writer were "Hero and Heroworship" by Thomas Carlyle; the works of Lord Macaulay; the works of Charles Dickens and those of Mark Twain.

The I. N. S. correspondent was the first reporter ever admitted to the castle, although it must be admitted that only a near-fatal air crash opened the gates. This is an ancient feudal homestead with nothing in common with the inquisitive hurly-burly of the modern reporter. The house of Reuss is one of the oldest in German nobility and the traditional claim is that the family is equal to the Hohenzollerns.

To go back to the accident:—As Strunk hobbled away from the scene of the crash, past the huge castle barns he spotted a hearse among the

cumbersome farm carts and wagons, all of whom evidently paid recent visits to congratulate the princess upon her forthcoming nuptials.

Strunk, who is an old hand at narrow escapes and adventures, grinned as he beheld the hearse. "I guess," he remarked casually, "that the village undertaker was ready for us, but we fooled him this time."

Insists on Staying.
Later on at tea Hassenpflug suddenly collapsed from his injuries. The princess gave a little gasp of dismay and pity, jumped from her seat and insisted on giving aid while the injured man was being taken from the room. He was taken to the wing of the castle which had been transformed into a "hospital" room and put to bed.

The princess ordered hot tea and cognac and stood by the patient's side urging him to rest easy and not to worry.

When the correspondent announced that he would have to depart, and similar announcement was made by Raab, pilot of the wrecked machine, the princess urged that her guests remain over night. When convinced that Raab and the writer must go, the princess made up some sandwiches and got a bag of freshly picked apples. As she wrapped up the lunch with her own hands she remarked soliloquously:

"You have a long, slow train ride before you. You must take this to sustain you."

Then the princess placed her own automobile at the disposal of her departing guests. The car sped up the long, winding country road reaching the railway station 10 miles away in time to catch the train. Before their departure the princess asked her guests to inscribe their names in the castle guest book. There were the names of members of the Hohenzollern family, the former

king of Saxony and other notables, all of whom evidently paid recent visits to congratulate the princess upon her forthcoming nuptials.

It was a significant day at Castle Saaber. The princess' eldest son, Prince Hans George—aged 15—had come from Greiz, where he attends school, to spend the week end with his mother. It was the young prince's first visit home since the announcement of his mother's en-

agement to the former German emperor.

It is understood that the prince did not know anything about the approaching betrothal until his mother told him on Saturday. It was out of consideration for the feelings of the two boys that the announcement was delayed. It would not have been announced until some time next month but for the fact that the press learned of it in the mean-

time. The original intention was to break the news to the boys gently and gradually as they are the only two of the princess' children old enough to remember their father well and to understand something of the historic events of the past few years. Only the two boys of the princess' family can understand the role that their new step-father to be has played in the recent history of Germany.



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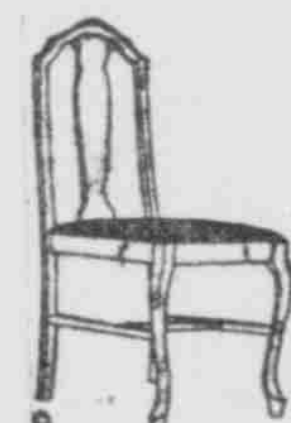
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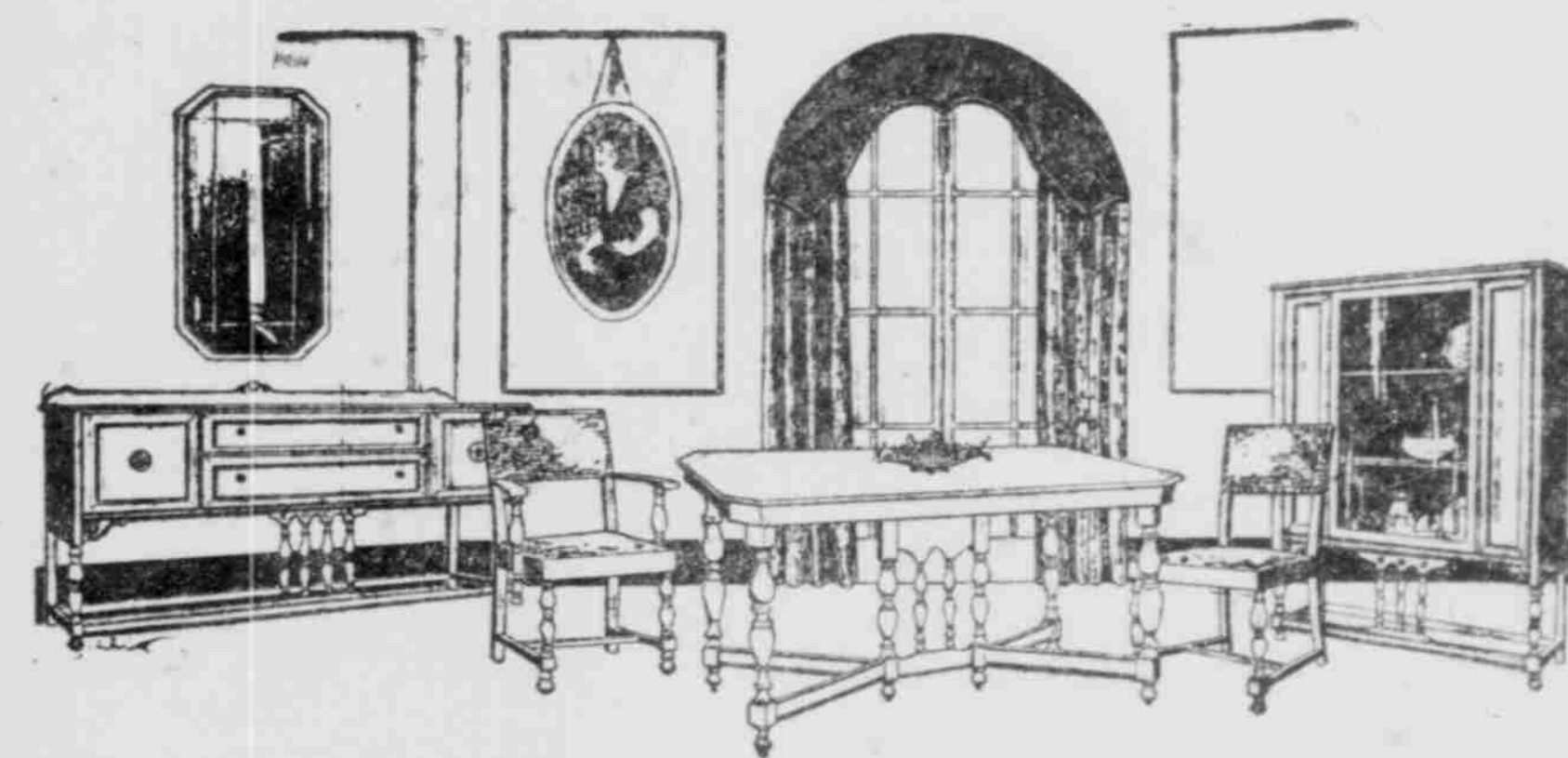
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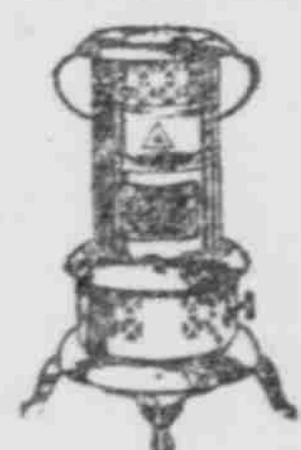
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The citrus grove is your permanent investment that increases in

value and income steadily through the years. But to our Indian River Community growers the vegetable crops provide a splendid income from which can be paid the interest, taxes and cost of improvements made during the development period.

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